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#### Pq 2 of 8 Page 1 Teicher, Victor 2/9/2009 12:00:00 PM \*\* CONFIDENTIAL \*\* CONFIDENTIAL "CONFIDENTIAL "CONFIDENTIAL SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF NEW YORK IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED, by 3 INDEX NO. 08603803/2008 4 and between the attorneys for the respective Justice Richard B. Lowe 5 parties hereto, that all rights provided by the 6 Civil Practice Law and Rules, including the right NEW YORK UNIVERSITY, 7 to object to any question, except as to form, or 9 examination are reserved, and, in addition, the 10 failure to object to any question, shall not be a ARIEL FUND LIMITED, GABRIEL CAPITAL CORPORATION, J. EZRA MERKIN, FORTIS BANK (CAYMAN) LTD., FORTIS PRIME 12 reserved for the trial of this action. SOLUTIONS (CAYMAN) LTD., FORTIS BANK, 13 BDO TORTUGA, and BDO INTERNATIONAL, 12 14 IT IS FURTHER STIPULATED AND AGREED, 15 that this examination may be signed and sworn to 16 by the witness being examined before a Notary 15 425 Park Avenue New York, New York 17 Public other than the Notary Public before whom 16 February 9, 2009 18 this examination was begun, but the failure to do 19 so, or to return the original of this examination 17 18 20 by counsel, shall not be deemed a waiver of any Videotaped deposition of VICTOR TEICHER, 21 rights. 20 held at the above time and place, before 22 Elleen Mulvenna, CSR/RMR, a Certified Shorthand 22 Reporter, Registered Merit Reporter and Notary 23 IT IS FURTHER STIPULATED AND AGREED. Public of the State of New York. 24 that the filing of the original of this 24 25 examination is waived. 25 2 "CONFIDENTIAL "CONFIDENTIAL APPEARANCES: 2 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We're on the SCOTT & SCOTT, LLP record. orneys for Plaintiff 29 West 57th Street My name is Chris Martin. I'm the New York, New York 10019 BY: JOSEPH P. GUGLIELMO, ESQ. videographer for Veritext Court Reporting jguglielmo@scott-scott.com CHRISTOPHER M. BURKE, ESQ. in New York City. Today's date is February 9, 2009, and the time is SCHULTE ROTH & ZABEL, LLP 8 Attorneys for Defendant Ariel Fund 919 Third Avenue New York, New York, 10022 BY: HARRY SANDICK, ESQ. B 9 This deposition is being held at the 10 10 office of Stillman Friedman & Shechtman, 11 425 Park Avenue, New York, New York, harry.sandick@srz.com TALEAH ESPERANZA JENNINGS, ESQ. 12 The caption on this case is New York taleah..jennings@srz.com 13 13 University versus Ariel Fund Limited, DECHERT, LLP Attorneys for Defendants J. Ezra Merkin and Gabriel Capital Corporation 1095 Avenue of the Americas New York, New York 10036-8797 BY: GARY J. McNNITT, ESQ. 14 14 et al. case filed in the Supreme Court of the State of New York, New York County. 15 16 The witness' name is Victor Teicher. 16 17 At this time, will counsel please gary.mennitt@dechert.com JONATHAN D. PERRY, ESQ. jonathan.perry@dechert.com 17 18 introduce themselves for the record. 19 MR. GUGLIELMO: Joseph Guglielmo STILLMAN, FRIEDMAN & SHECHTMAN, P.C. STILLMAN, FRIEDMAN & SHECKIN Attorneys for the Winness 425 Park Avenue New York, New York 10022 BY: MARJORIE J. PEERCE, ESQ. mpeerce@stillmanfriedman.com 20 with Scott & Scott for plaintiff. 20 21 MR. BURKE: Chris Burke, Scott & 21 22 Scott, for plaintiff. 23 MS JENNINGS: Taleah Jennings, ALSO PRESENT: 24 Schulte Roth & Zabel, for defendant Ariel Christopher Martin, Videographer Fund Limited. Ariel Fund/NYU **EXHIBIT** None Page 1 - 4 Date: 0 - 9 NANCY MAHONEY, CCR/RPR CONFIDENTIAL BS00004955

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2 A. I meant that the Madoff news was A. Well, if he wanted to talk things 3 hilarious. 3 over about this matter -- I think at the end, Q. By "hilarious" obviously you're 4 what I meant was that -- Ezra tends to be very 5 anxious. And by being with me, he becomes less 6 anxious. And so if he wanted me -- wanted to A. I thought it was very funny. 7 talk to me, it would allay any amount that he Q. Why did you think it was funny? I think almost everything is funny. 8 might otherwise have. A lot of people feel that 9 way about me. 9 I think that ultimately the truth is funny. And Q. The next I guess phrase in this
 e-mail, you say, "unfortunately, you've paid a 10 when the truth is revealed, that's hitarious. Q. Did that statement have at least --12 big price for a lesson on the cost of being 12 did that statement have anything to do with ! 12 big price : 13 greedy." 13 guess your opinion that Madolf was a fraud? 14 A. No, I don't -- the way I think of it.

15 Is that I think Madoff was well-considered and -- 15 A. Well, I meant that investing with.

16 by many people in the investment community. And 16 Sernie Madoff was very, very easy in some sense; 17 that it was -- the consistency of returns was 17 when it was revealed that he wasn't all that he 18 such that it made it very appealing. And that 18 was cocked up to be, the revelation of that truth 19 Ezra was able to raise a lot of money by virtue 20 of investing in Madoff. 20 I mean, if people thought poorly of Q. And what's your understanding for 22 one to think poorly of him, that wouldn't be very 22 that, investing with Madoff was very easy? 23 A. Well, it was very -- if you show 23 funny, would it? Q. He had a good reputation. 24 someone fairly consistent returns over time, 25 A. Yes, he had a good reputation. So 25 people really like that kind of consistency. And 2 when the truth is revealed, it's always funny. 2 so if you're going to raise money to invest and 3 you can show people those kind of returns, you'll Q. I guess let's take the next phrase 4 in the e-mail. You said 'hope you negotiate out 4 have those people -- they'll very easily invest 5 of this mess as well as possible." 5 with you. Q. Did you observe -- sorry.
 A. Pardon? What were you -- what was the --A. Well, I thought that problems would 8 arise from anyone directly or indirectly involved 8 Q. I'm sorry. Go shead.
9 in the Madoff scandal. And so I basically gave 9 Did you ever talk with Mr. Meri
10 him my sentiments that I hoped that it all goes 10 about the consistency, as you put it? Old you ever talk with Mr. Merkin 11 well for him, whatever the repercussions. 11 A. Yes. Q. And so I'm clear, this e-mail on MS. PEERCE: In what time period? 13 Q. Let's start with the most recent 13 December 11, was this the first time you had 14 time frame. 14 attempted to communicate with Mr. Merkin 15 concerning the Madoff revelations? 15 A. No. A. I believe so, but I'm not sure. I 16 Q. In prior time frames, you had talked 17 believe so. 17 to him about the consistency of Madoff's --18 Q. You didn't try to pick up the phone 18 A. Yes. 19 Q. -- returns? 19 before that? 20 A. Yes. 20 A. I don't recall. 21 Q. And then the next phrase that you Q. And in what context did you speak to 22 him about those? 22 have in your e-mail says, "I'm yours to help in 23 any way I can." 23 A. How did it come up? I mean --24 Q. Yes. What were you referring to, or what 25 A. He told me sometime -- perhaps it 25 did you mean by that?

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### 2 was '92 or '93, that he was considering investing Q. Was it the same type of conversation 3 with Bernie Madoff. And he described Madoff in 3 that you had with him? 4 terms of what he was doing and the consistency of 5 5 the returns, and I felt that that was just not Q. And you reiterated to Mr. Merkin 6 that the returns were too consistent? 6 possible. Q. What was -- why did you feel it 8 Q. And what was his response to you? I 8 wasn't possible? A. Because I've never seen anyone -- I 9 guess lefts start with the first conversation in mean, have such consistent returns. It's 10 and around 1902, 1963 time frame. 11 A. He didn't have a response.. 11 possible to do 50 percent a year. In some years 12 you do more and some years you do less, but just Q. So he didn't say anything when you 13 the nature of the business, you just can't year 13 mentioned it to him? A. Nothing that I recall. 14 in and year out have such low volstility in the Q. Did he do anything that you know of? 16 Q. Did you express these concerns to 16 Did he decide not to invest in Mr. Madoff's 17 Ezra? 17 investments or did he go ahead and do it? A. I wouldn't call them concerns. I 19 Q. You can answer. 19 would just say that's -- I told him I didn't 20 think -- it just didn't seem like it was 20 A. He invested in Madoff, as far as I Q. And do you have any sort of Q. And then you had -- you raised the 23 background in the types of investments that 23 issue of the consistency of Mr. Madoff's returns 24 Mr. Madoff was supposedly investing in? 24 again at some point down the line; correct? 25 A. Yes. 25 A. I'm not sure I know what he was Q. And approximately when did you raise 2 doing exactly. Q. I guess when you first talked to 3 those -- when did you raise those issues again 4 Mr. Merkin in around 1992, 1993 time frame, and I 4 with Mr. Merkin? 5 A. Whenever we spoke of Madoff or

5 guess you had this discussion about Madoff, did 6 you review any materials or read up, or was it 7 just a conversation upon which you said his 8 returns are too consistent? ns are too consecure.

MR. MENNITT: Objection to the form. A. It was just a conversation. Q. Did you follow up that conversation? 11 A. Follow up? 13 Q. Follow up. Did you do anything 14 after that conversation? MS, PEERCE: Do you mean any due 16 diligence? Q. Did you do anything with respect 18 to -- yeah, did you do any due diligence with 19 respect to Madoff? 20 A. No. Q. Did you have any subsequent 22 conversations with Mr. Merkin concerning Madoff?

A. Yes.

25 A. Over the years.

24 Q. And when did those take place?

7 Madoff, but if there was a discussion of Madoff. 8 I put my views forward. 10 conversations took place? A. I just don't know offhand. I mean, 12 it's -- here and there. Madoff was a name that 13 was mentioned here and there. Q. And in the subsequent conversations. 15 did you confinue to express your views that the 16 returns were too consistent? A. That the returns were too 18 consistent. I didn't like the fact that he 19 self-cleared as well. A. That is that he would represent to 22 you the securities that you held -- that were 23 held in your account, as opposed to that being 24 done by a third party.

25 Q. And you didn't like that because?

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                                                          objection. But you can go right ahead,
2 A. Because there's room for
                                                                   3 Joe.
3 misrepresentations. There's no check that what
                                                4 MR. GUGLIELI
5 this.
6 BY MR. GUGLIELIMO:
4 you've told -- what you've been told has been
                                                                                MR. GUGLIELMO: We can continue with
5 done has actually been done. There have been
6 cases in the past that were frauds that the
7 people were self-clearing.
                                                                           Q. Mr. Teicher, what did Mr. Merkin do
                                                         8 to allay or to alleviate any of the issues that 
9 you identified concerning the consistency of

 Q. Did you communicate these issues to

9 Mr. Merkin?
                                               10 Mr. Madoff's returns?
11 MR. MENNIT
      A. I recall the consistency of returns
11 clearly as a salient issue. The other things, I
                                                                              MR. MENNITT: Objection to the form.

    Q. You can answer the question.

12 just thought that I had -- I don't recall
13 specifically when or if things related to that
                                               14 one way or another. I mean, I told him what
14 were -- I just remember generally that I had a
                                                                      15 problems I had with the Madoff investment
15 view about Madoff.
16 Q. But did you -- the things you
17 identified, I think you said self-clearing and
18 then you identified some issues with the problems
                                                                   17 done.
                                                              18 Q. Did you know if he – did he say he
19 with self-clearing. Did you ever discuss --
                                                                    19 was going to do any due difigence or speak to

 A. I don't have any specific

                                                                     20 Mr. Madeff or --
21 recollection of having that discussion. I just
                                                                      21

 I don't recall.

                                                                            Q. Did you suggest that he do some due
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    Q. Was Mr. Merkin aware that Mr. Madoff

                                                                    23 diligence?
24 was self-clearing?

 A. i don't recall.

25 A. I don't know. I mean, I guess since
                                                                      25 Q. Did you --
2 I was aware of it, I'm guessing that he was aware
                                                                             A. I don't know - what due diligence
                                                                      3 could you do, really? These are the returns. I
3 of it, otherwise I wouldn't have been aware of

 Let me ask you then.

                                                                      5 done. I'm not sure what you could do.
                                                                            Q. Did you suggest that he shouldn't
        How were you aware that Mr. Madoff
                                                                      7 Invest with Mr. Madoff?
     A. I think probably Michael or Ezra
                                                                            A. Yes.
9 told me that.
                                                                       9 Q. When did you make that suggestion?
10 Q. Again, in the course of

    A. When I first heard of Madoff.

                                                                            Q. 1992, 1993?
11 conversations regarding Madoff generally?
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                                                                            Q. Did you --
       Q. And let's stick with the -- back in
                                                                     13
                                                                   14 A. I guess it was around then. I think
14 the time frame '92, '93, did Mr. Merkin do
                                                   15 it was around then, yes.
15 anything to allay your concerns about the
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 Q. Then in the subsequent conversations 17 that you had over time concerning Mr. Madoff, did

18 you continue to tell Mr. Merkin that he shouldn't

19 be investing with Mr. Madoff?

Q. So at a certain point in time, you

23 A. I didn't tell him what he should or 

25 would go about these things. But I told him that

20 A. No.

22 didn't -- you didn't --

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16 consistency of Madoff returns?

20 terminology.

"concerns," and he rejected that

MR. MENNITT: Objection to the form.

MR. GUGLIELMO: You're not entitled

to a speaking objection. You can just object to form. I'll restate the question.

MR. MENNITT: That was not a speaking objection. That was a proper

I think previous questions you said

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2 I was highly doubtful of -- that I was doubtful
3 of this whole Madoff thing. I was doubtful. Not

    Q. So he basically had a conversation

                                                                  4 with you and said these trading tickets -- this
5 trading issue that you raised isn't really an
4 highly doubtful, I was just doubtful.
           MS. PEERCE: Can I have one moment,
                                                                       6 issue?
          MR. GUGLIELMO: Off the record.
                                                                            A. Yes.
                                                                 8 Q. At any time, did Mr. Merkin ever
9 raise with you any concerns that he had with
          THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We're off the
       record. The time is 12:53.
          THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We're back on the coord. The time is 12.54
         (Pause from the record.)
 10
                                                                    12 Q. Did he ever say to you that he
 12
      record. The time is 12:54.
          THE WITNESS: Another matter, I did
                                                                    13 agreed with you that the consistency was too good
                                               14 to be true or not believable?
       mention to Ezra that -- the issue of the

 A. No, he never said that.

       trade tickets coming in late, that this was
                                                                              Q. So this was an issue that you raised
                                                                       17 throughout the years, and he never agreed with
 17
       Q. And when did you mention this to
                                                                       18 your position?
 18 Mr. Merkin?
                                                                                MS. PEERCE: Objection to form.

 A. When I was first made aware of it.

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       Q. When were you made aware of the
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                                                                                  MR. MENNITT: Objection to form.
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 He felt that Madoff was okay.

21 trading tickets?
                                                                       22
                                                                     23 A. Which was -- I'm sorry.
      Q. 1992, 1993 time frame?
23
24 A. Yes, yes.

    Q. Did anyone else agree with you that

 25 Q. And was that something you raised
                                                                       25 the consistency was too good to be true, "anyone
 2 continually throughout the period that you had
                                                                       2 else" being anyone else at Gabriel Capital?
 3 discussions concerning Madoff, or was that
                                                                               MS. PEERCE: Object to the form.
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    A. I don't recall the people there

      A. No.
                                                                       5 having any point of view that was expressed to
     Q. So it was early on?

A. (Witness nods head in the
                                                                       6 me. I don't recall anything like that.
                                                      8 after the revelations were revealed with
                                                                     9 Mr. Hess, did you have anything -- any
      Q. Do you know if the issues that
 10 you've identified concerning the trading tickets
                                                                    10 conversations with any of the individuals at
11 continued throughout the subsequent years?
                                                                     11 Gabriel Capital Corporation concerning the
       A. I have no idea.
                                                                       12 trading tickets?
                                                               13 A. Other than talking with Hess about
       Q. Did you --
14 A. In fact, I would say my -- now I do
                                                                    14 it, did I talk to anyone else who had been at
                                                      15 Gabriel about these tickets?
 15 remember -- at a certain point in time, that was
 16 not an issue, that Ezra told me that the tickets
                                                                    16 Q. Did you talk to them during -- did
                                                    17 you talk to them prior to the Madoff revelations?
17 were not coming in regularly and that -- that
 18 issue was not an issue anymore, yes.
                                                                       19 Q. That there were issues with the
 19 Q. And by telling you it was not an
19 Q. And by telling you it was not an 19 Q. That there were issues with to 20 issue anymore, did he provide any more detail? 20 trading tickets that you had identified.

 A. Edon't recall.

21 A. Not that I recall.

    Q. Do you recall having any

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    Did you discuss the trading ticket

23 issues subsequent to that time?
                                                                       23 conversation with Mike Autera about the trading
          MS. PEERCE: With whom?
                                                                       24 tickets?
           MR, GUGLIELMO: With Mr. Merkin.
                                                                       25 A. Yes.
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                                                                 2 couple of things.
2 questions?
         And I guess -- were -- those funds
                                                                  3 EXAMINATION
                                                                 4 BY MS. PEERCE:
4 that were identified by Mr. Mennitt, were those
5 providing returns that were too consistent? I
                                                                    5 Q. The money that you're currently
B think you indicated earlier today that Madoff was
                                                                   6 managing is for you and your immediate family;
                                                         7 correct?
7 providing returns that were too consistent. I'm
                                                                              THE WITNESS: Yes.
B just trying to understand if you had any
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9 suspicions about those other funds.
                                                                           MS., PEERCE: Thank you.
       MS, PEERCE: Objection to form.

MR. MENNITT: Objection to form.
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                                                                              MR. GUGLIELMO: No further
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         MR. SANDICK: Objection to form.
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                                                                              Thank you for your time.
13 A. I didn't have any suspicions about
                                                                          THE VIDEOGRAPHER: That concludes
                                                 14 the deposition. The time is 5:06. Write
14 those other funds. Their returns, while they
15 were extremely attractive returns, they were
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                                                                          off the record.
16 inconsistent returns. I mean, that is, sometimes
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17 that were higher and sometimes they were lower.
18 I mean - but they weren't - they weren't more
19 or less at the same place give or take 1 percent.
20 Q. With respect to the monies -- the
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21 questions on the monies you managed, you wouldn't
22 consider the monies that you managed -- the
23 returns too consistent?
24 A. No.
25 Q. So you had ups and downs with
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                                                                     2 STATE OF NEW YORK )
2 respect to those investments?

    A. Over a year, we never had a losing

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4 year, but during the year, we could be down
                                                                   4 COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER )
5 10 percent at some point from top to bottom.
     Q. Were you down in '08?
       A. No, it was flat in '08.
                                                                            I, VICTOR TEICHER, the witness herein,
       Q. And let me ask you again,
                                                                    8 having read the foregoing testimony of the pages
                                                       9 of this deposition, do hereby certify it to be a
9 Mr. Mennitt sort of elicited some testimony about
10 a conversation with Mr. Merkin.
                                                                 1D true and correct transcript, subject to the
          And did any conversation with
                                                              11 correction, if any, shown on the attached page.
12 Mr. Merkin ever alleviate your concerns about
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         MR. GUGLIELMO: I have no further
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         MS. PEERCE: Can I ask a clarifying
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                                                                                      VICTOR TEICHER
       question, because the testimony earlier
        where he talked about having consistent
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      returns was testimony when he was managing
                                                                  21 Subscribed and swom before me
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      money for other people, and then you jumped
                                                                  22 this _____ day of ______ 2009...
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         MR, GUGLIELMO: He also talked about
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       his own money.
          MS. PEERCE: So I just want to -- a
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